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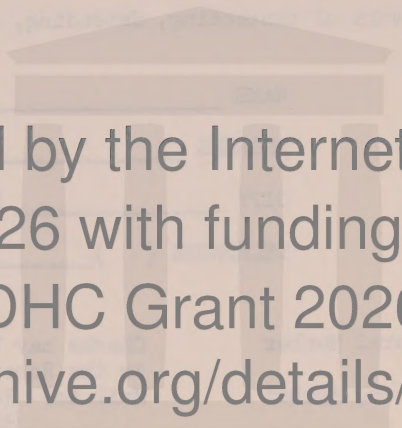
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To ORGANIZATIONS:

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November 1984

Dear F.T.F. Supporter,

The Florida Task Force Annual Meeting was held on October 13-14, in Orlando, at the Parliament House. Even though our attendance was small, we had two productive meetings, and we gained new members and raised money through a local fund-raiser. Special thanks goes to Monroe, Sunshine, and Ron for the Saturday night party, and to Bill Miller for allowing us to meet at the Parliament House. During the two four-hour meetings held on Saturday and Sunday, the Board of Directors worked out F.T.F. goals for the coming year and elected four new Board Members. For those of you who have renewed your memberships, the name and phone number of your F.T.F. Board Member is listed and underlined in the "Minutes". For those of you who will be renewing your memberships, we will send you a copy of the "Minutes" in our follow-up letter.

The F.T.F. goals for the coming year are:

- 1) To get state funding for A.I.D.S. research and treatment programs.
- 2) To increase F.T.F. membership.
- 3) To get a job-security bill introduced into the '85 legislative session.

The first goal- to get state funding for A.I.D.S. research and treatment programs, stems from the growing awareness of the seriousness of the A.I.D.S. problem in Florida. Florida is ranked third in the nation in terms of the overall number of A.I.D.S. cases. As of October 1984, 450 cases have been reported. An additional 30 cases have been reported by the state in the last month alone! (These cases must be confirmed by the Centers for Disease Control, in Atlanta, before being included in the official count. They will be included in the November statistics, to be published shortly.) To quote H.R.S. Secretary David Pingree, "The 'Miami Herald' is quite correct in stating that the number of cases is growing. Indeed, we expect this trend to continue for the foreseeable future."

As you know, Governor Graham vetoed the A.I.D.S. monies appropriated to the University of Miami's Medical School last session. Approximately 100 of you wrote the Governor expressing your displeasure over his veto. We thank you. You made the difference. He responded by requesting H.R.S. to review the A.I.D.S. problem in Florida and to make recommendations. H.R.S. Secretary David Pingree responded in a letter dated October 11th, listing eight recommendations made by the H.R.S. Medical Advisory Group on A.I.D.S. The 8 recommendations are:

1. Media efforts aimed at education of the public, health professionals, teachers, elected officials, insurers, and others as appropriate concerning the known facts about A.I.D.S.
2. Contact by H.R.S. through the Insurance Commissioner with those insurance companies who indicate they are withdrawing liability insurance from health facilities which treat A.I.D.S. patients.
3. Possible changes in the insurance code to prevent unfair rates or cancellation of liability insurance to consumers and private facilities treating A.I.D.S. patients.

4. Contact by H.R.S. with Association of County Commissioners relative to some counties refusing to pay the bills for A.I.D.S. patients treated at Jackson Memorial. Jackson Memorial is one of the few hospitals in the state well-equipped to treat A.I.D.S. patients, but cannot assume the financial responsibility for patients from other counties.
5. Changes in the Florida Health Care Responsibility Act (Chaper 154, Part IV) to provide stricter enforcement provisions, ensuring county commission payment of hospital bills attributable to residents of their county.
6. Payment for the medical expenses of indigent A.I.D.S. patients by the state.
7. Additional investment in case workers to investigate sexually transmitted diseases, especially among the homosexual community. Additional workers are needed, and their current pay is extremely inadequate.
8. Investment in new programs and surveillance are needed, in addition to media efforts, for training of health professionals in the care and treatment of A.I.D.S. victims, as well as in community health education. At present, our entire A.I.D.S. effort is funded exclusively by the federal government, and is devoted entirely to case finding, surveillance, and technical assistance.

We urge you to write the Governor again, saying you support these recommendations. They are positive steps that must be taken to combat the A.I.D.S. problem in Florida. More importantly, these steps will help our people afflicted with A.I.D.S. and will benefit our community at-large. Write to: Governor Bob Graham; The Capitol; Tallahassee, Florida 32302.

We hope to accomplish the second goal- to increase F.T.F. membership, through the F.T.F. newsletter and through F.T.F. fund-raisers, held after each board meeting. The board meetings for the coming year are tentatively scheduled as follows: December 8th- Key West, March- Tallahassee, June- Miami, August- Orlando, and October- Gainesville (Annual Meeting). We'll let you know the specific dates and locations in our following newsletters. If you live in the Key West area and would like to help Fred Butner out with the Dec. 8th party, call him at 294-5505. Food, liquor, legwork, and auction items are needed. We encourage you to attend the F.T.F. Board Meeting as well. Both members and non-members are welcome.

The third goal is to get a job-security bill introduced into the next legislative session. This bill would amend Florida Statutes 760.01-760.10 (known as the Human Rights Act of 1977), adding the word "sexual orientation" after the word "sex" in the appropriate sections. Section 760.01(2), if amended, would read as follows: "The general purposes of ss. 760.01-760.10 are to secure for all individuals within the state freedom from discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, handicap, or marital status and thereby to protect their interest in personal dignity, to make available to the state their full productive capacities, to secure the state against domestic strife and unrest, to preserve the public safety, health, and general welfare, and to promote the interests, rights, and privileges of individuals within the state." I'd like to note here that the bill would also protect homosexuals from discriminatory housing practices (i.e., the sale, rental, or financing of homes), but F.T.F. will emphasize the job-security issue since it is the underlying reason why we live "in the closet".

Getting a sponsor for this bill is no easy task. Your legislator wants to keep his/her job as much as you do. To date, F.T.F. has not received any responses from Representatives Abrams, Davis, Friedman, Gordon, and Weinstock or from Senators Castor, Fox, Gordon, and Weinstein, as requested. If you live in their districts, we ask that you write these legislators, asking for their sponsorship on this bill. If you can't disclose your identify, you may sign your name as "John/Joan Q. Constituent", explaining why you do so.

Take care and enjoy the Thanksgiving Holidays.

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The Florida Task Force Board of Directors convened Saturday, 13 October 1984 at 12:25 pm. Present were directors from St. Petersburg, Bob Pope (8), Tampa, John Grannan (7), Jacksonville, Monroe Midyette (3), Daytona Beach, Michael Brim (4), Miami, Staci Aker (17), Fort Lauderdale, Tony Livoti (15), Gainesville, Doug Heydon (6), and Tallahassee, Ollie Lee Taylor (2). Bonnie Goulard, FTF's legislative consultant, was also present.

Chairperson John Grannan extended words of welcome to directors, new members and observers in the Parliament House in Orlando, FL. Those present introduced themselves.

Tony moved the July meeting's minutes be accepted. They were without dissent.

Bob offered the treasurer's report. For the period 28 July 1984 thru 12 October 1984, income from memberships and fundraisers totalled \$2,670. Expenses were \$1,3050.97. The balance in the St. Petersburg General Account was pegged at \$2,081.62. Tony commended the treasurer "for his zeal" in keeping finances up to date. Staci and Michael were commended for their \$50 monthly donations as pledged in July.

There were fifty-three people responding to a mailing requesting FTF membership. From \$20 to \$100 were submitted by these individuals. Another twenty-three were added today for a total of seventy-six. A need was cited to keep up with current people so as not to lose people. Monroe noted that he has contact with a friend in Jacksonville with a computer who would offer his monthly services to help keep track of FTF membership.

A political report followed. John reported "a major blow" as George Sheldon was defeated in a bid for the Florida House. His opponent, Mark Gibbons, ran an anti-gay campaign. He charged that Sheldon's support of civil liberties regardless of sexual orientation, child crime and pornography "was not in tune with most voters in the district." Gibbons should win as a Republican opponent is not well financed or liked. Bob reported that Jerry Rehm was defeated by Curt Kiser, who has a pro-ERA stance. Ollie asked about Tom Bush, a former Florida representative of "Trask-Bush" fame. Tony reported he got 85% in the Republican primary. The incumbent Congressman Smith, in a heavily Jewish district carved for Alan Becker by the legislature in 1980, would be strongly Democratic. (Becker was later beaten in a Democratic primary.) A Reagan sweep, Livoti noted, would likely put two anti-gay Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives. Monroe reported that John Thomas and Corrine Brown were re-elected in Jacksonville. Mihalael said Congressman Chappell should be re-elected. Tony says Peter Weinstein, in Fort Lauderdale, stands for re-election without opposition.

Voter registration efforts were staged in Jacksonville, Fort Lauderdale and Miami. Fred Butner asked that contact be made with our Washington, DC representatives. Congressman Pepper's office, particularly, wants to know about gay related concerns. "Come to Key West for Fantasy Fest!"

Ollie asked about some Reagan sentiment in the gay community. He noted that presidential elections often turn on many issues, especially economic and foreign policy. Barry Williams, a Reagan supporter, indicated that economic issues were paramount. He did agree that Supreme Court appointments would not likely be for persons who would be pro-gay. However, Reagan, as witnessed by his California record, is more moderate than the views of Southern fundamentalists.

Ollie asked about Director representation as the meeting moved into old business. This has been a concern for the past several meetings.

John told of vacancies in two districts lasting all year. Four are open by resignation. Another is staying on until a replacement is found. The eighth has not attended a single meeting.

A discussion followed. Fred wanted to emphasize new grass roots organization. John noted that no reform has ever gained the necessary 2/3 of the directors needed for a change.

A board director, ideally, should have involvement in local groups to help fund raising. Bonnie echoed the need the reach out to communities. Tony said we need an issue to heighten interest.

"We should rely, not compete with local organizations." A large board of directors, in Livoti's view, would be unmanageable. Bob noted that Tampa, St. Petersburg and Jacksonville have had the most successful fundraisers in terms of funds raised. In all three, the actions of directors in the districts have been crucial. Monroe noted that FTF's fiscal stability has improved. This has been the best position in years. An approach towards local orientation and chapters might be advised. He also commended Staci's recommendation for members to contribute funds.

Legislative consultant Bonnie Goulard opened a discussion on FTF goals. A draft bill that prohibits job discrimination against gays amending Florida Statutes 760.01-760.10, also called the Human Rights Act of 1977, was cited. A letter asking selected legislators to sponsor the measure has been issued. Also, a need to offer testimony, was cited in case committee hearings are held.

Tony thought sponsorship of such legislation would spur political suicide. Past support for some of our friends possibly could have contributed to their defeat after being attacked. "Will this help us or hurt us?" We need to include heterosexual society in our initiatives. A question arose on the definition on section 2 (9) defining sexual orientation. Bonnie suggested that the question be attacked directly, such as those asked in lie detector tests.

John noted that in the past the FTF has never pushed for positive legislation. It has always opposed negative legislation.

Bob moved to amend the draft to strike lines 27-30 of page one ---definition of sexual orientation. Bonnie opposed this saying that it would arise anyway. But, the board voted unanimously to delete it. Tony moved the act of the Goulard and Grant letter requesting sponsorship and the proposed bill be added to the minutes. This was approved with Staci's abstention. Ollie moved that the FTF directors circulate the draft legislation to local organizations as much as is feasible and that if sponsors are found, a period be set aside at the December board meeting to formulate strategy and prepare for hearings. This was approved with Bob dissenting.

Jim Riis of the Log Cabin Republican Club and Orlando's Rusty Okinowski were introduced.

The meeting recessed @ 2:55 pm. After it reconvened at 3:30 pm, discussion took place on funding for AIDS research and treatment. Staci reported feedback that indicated that we shouldn't give up on Governor Graham despite last year's veto. Bob asked that the next meeting feature a two/three hour update on AIDS. A medical specialist on the condition would be invited. It was moved and approved without dissent. A second motion to retain communication with Rep. Pajcic and other legislators for AIDS research and treatment was approved unanimously.

There was some sentiment to discuss proposed moves to raise the drinking age to 21 as a result of the federal legislation reducing highway funding if this was not done on the state level by October of 1986. But, no such discussion materialized as motion to allow ten minutes on Sunday for this was defeated.

It was unanimously approved, with Tony's consent to consider his \$300 loan to the FTF paid. But, retroactively to August 1984, the funds would be submitted monthly as \$50 contributions thru January of 1985.

The meeting adjourned at 3:59 pm.

The Florida Task Force Annual Meeting Sunday 14 October 1984

The meeting came to order at 12:26 pm. After a round of introductions, the chairperson,

John Grannan, offered thanks to all concerned for the cocktail social on Saturday evening.

John's report recalled the Gay March on Washington. Several present took place in that event occurring five years ago this date.

"The Florida Task Force has met its goal of having a lobbyist in Tallahassee. New York and California don't. There is a positive balance in the treasury. This has never happened before. There has been a quorum for each board meeting each time for the first time." We had a meeting with Representative Pacific and his aides and a commitment was made for research funds to combat AIDS.

On the negative side, our membership is too small. There is a need for new blood as we have three directors' seats vacant and five resignations. The operating budget of \$25,000 has been met only once. There is a need for regular funding instead of living from fundraiser to fundraiser. "We should have 1,000 members instead of less than 100." If each board member should obtain five memberships a month, \$24,000 would be derived in a year. "Whoever wins the Presidency, there are those who'd make our lives hard," Grannan reminded those present.

The treasurer's report from Director Bob Pope was next. As of 9 October \$1,796.82 was in the bank. Funds and pledges, including \$614.33 collected this weekend to October 13, brings the FIF special account to \$2,796.62.

The report was adopted unanimously with enthusiasm.

Legislative Consultant Bonnie Goulard offered her report. No detrimental legislation was enacted. Two bills calling for gays contributing to blood banks to identify themselves and sealed vaults for AIDS deceased were killed and withdrawn respectively.

Bonnie reports the AFL-CIO's Lou Brogna has been a good contact. Representative Pacific, who sponsored the AIDS assistance for research of \$250,000, has indicated this funding will be filed for approval in the coming legislative session. Indications are the governor will not veto such an appropriation this time around.

Bonnie offered a quick synopsis of legislation of some importance to gays, women or to groups potentially supportive of FIF goals. A bill relating to increasing the minimum drinking age for alcoholic beverages died in committee. A bill dealing with pay differential between males and females died in committee. Another bill dealing with a ten percent set aside for minority involvement in state contracts died on the legislative calendar. Education equity with equal opportunity guidelines also met death. These bills will be introduced again in the next legislative session.

An act permitting alimony child support paycheck deductions passed. An act providing for the licensing of child care with churches being exempted passed. Also enacted was a bill furthering the alternative education and disciplinary procedures. Two other pieces of legislation on dependent parents insurance coverage and permitting husbands and wives to sue each other met death on the calendar. Non-profit agencies were helped when legislation permitting games of chance for fundraising in these groups was enacted.

Individual directors offered updates on major community developments in their districts. These include political concerns and community services.

In St. Petersburg, Bob noted \$4,200 was raised for a gay hotline. The MDC is booming. The 101st member joined 7 October. Two counseling sessions with trained therapists occur on Wednesdays and second Fridays. Next year's community goal: a full-time working headquarters for social needs and/or transient problems.

From Miami, Staci told of activity is underway using a helpline for inquiries concerning

FIMs (People with AIDS). There has been an increase from two to nine gays on the local Democratic Executive Committee. Two gays are active in the Mondale campaign. Gay Republicans were reported not being given anything to do. A local goal: A community center as an alternative for young gays.

Up in Daytona Beach, Michael noted the MDC there has disbanded. The GRAC, Gay Recreation Action Committee, is operable but not functioning too well.

Jacksonville concerns were reported by Monroe. Gays were reported active in the campaigns of Reps. Brown and Thomas. Mr. Mazzourri's re-election as mayor is apparently assured. Voter registration has been conducted. On the health front, VD clinics are held once per month free of charge. Alternative services are being provided by physicians on a first come/first served basis. There are reduced charges with evening office hours. Jax's Business Guild T-shirts were recently given away at a parklay. Phone lines and correspondence have regularly been humming from the NGIF asking for funds. \$250 was donated last month. A hotline is being explored by the BNOC (Bold New City Coalition).

Dropping down to Key West, Fred reports the MDC has a new pastor, Walt Collins. Gay volunteers have been "working like crazy" on AIDS projects. Business Guild action has centered on concerns about the water supply. The Democratic Club is gay controlled. It has played a role in the unseating of a circuit judge and sheriffs. There are two gay assistant public defenders. Fred is on the state Democratic Central Committee. Activity is underway to bring the Florida Democratic Party into compliance with national guidelines on gay political access.

Ron Okowski reports that Orlando's hotline has been run for five years. There are thirty active counselors for it. There are weekly rap groups and monthly skating parties. Voter registration was done this fall. A women's group and speaker's bureau is functioning. Spiritual needs are served by a "very successful MDC" with two religious and one recreational activity weekly. Dignity has a chapter for Catholic needs meeting weekly.

Ollie shared community activity in the Capital City. On the political front Leon County will have a new Supervisor of Elections. The incumbent was beaten. His last minute filing to replace his mother allowing him to be the only person on the ballot proved controversial. This was likely a factor in a 53-47% defeat. A rare contested Republican primary yielded an opponent, Jan Pietryck. The new State Attorney is a fundamentalist conservative. The incumbent had a sharp turnover in assistants and was charged with being insensitive to victims of sexual assault....a hot issue in Tallahassee. Gay/Lesbian support services provides three rap groups. Attendance can exceed forty, the average is about twenty. The unit has two problems. FSU doesn't want them to see non-students for peer counseling. Also, there are indications of internal tensions. Aware and Terri Kant (Parents of Gays) are two counseling options in the community. A women's collective meets monthly. A Black and White Men Together chapter may form. Ads have recently appeared. On the personal level, Ollie indicated he has filed and will decide by month's end to run for Tallahassee's City Commission. Also, there has been some emotional and abusive name calling as a result of the reaction of students where he works due to the lack of parking slots. Also, Ollie has been appointed to the city's Transit Advisory Committee.

Dropping down to Gainesville, Doug Heydon reports that their hotline is flourishing. There are 15/20 actively involved. There have been staffing problems. Calls fluctuate from five to ten a night. A coalition committee to foster communication with the city's gay organizations is forming. Special speaker appearances are provided by Gaynight, formerly Gay Talk. A skating party will end as a regular event, employees at a local rink were upset over gays present. The community's red shirt days continue to occur periodically. UFIAGS membership has increased. It is described as "more colorful" despite hassles over university funding. With help from a foundational grant, the local MDC and Dignity will sponsor local speakers. UFIAGS already does this.

John Grannan reported on Tampa. The Democratic Committee chair was "sent packin" by a coalition of "progressives." The University of South Florida's Gay Coalition is ten years old. There was a highly successful fundraiser for gay pride. The Salon, a Women's Group, has had attendance exceeding 100 at times.

Tony Livoti was nominated for the governing board of a national organization. It is the Lambda Legal Defense Fund.

Monroe, citing a rumor, moved that \$50 be allotted so that Ollie would continue as scribe for the FIT Board proceedings. Ollie did cite he felt the financial constraints dictated he vacate his seat on the Board of Directors. After Tony's second, the motion was adopted without dissent.

The Board moved to Director elections. Tony moved that any vacancies be filled at a later date. This was approved without dissent. All districts were to be filled by acclamation with the exception of districts five and eleven.

(* re-elected # previous director returning)

2 Tallahassee	Douglas Arbogast	(904) 893-8560
3 Jacksonville	Monroe Midyette *	" 388-8789
4 Daytona Beach	Michael Brim *	" 258-7199
5 Orlando/Melbourne	Ron Studdard	(305) 894-0422
6 Gainesville/Ocala	Doug Heydon *	(904) 373-1697
7 Tampa	John Grannan *	(813) 254-5115
8 Saint Petersburg	Robert Pope *	" 898-9822
11 Orlando/	A.P. MacLemore	(305) 298-4786
14 Fort Lauderdale/Pompano Beach	John Luis Arias #	" 462-6631 (etc.)
15 Fort Lauderdale	Tony Livoti *	" 462-6666
16 Hollywood	Bill Walker *	" 963-7367
17 Miami	Staci Aker *	" 688-2110
19 Key West/Homestead	Fred Butner #	" 294-5505

Districts 1, 9, 10, 12, 13 and 18 are vacant.

Four persons from the two Orlando centered districts were nominated. They caucused and the two names for five and eleven were approved as directors.

The membership meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm.

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The newly elected FIT Board of Directors convened at 2:37 pm.

Bill Barr, who will be the editor of a new Orlando area gay oriented newspaper, offered a presentation. He said it would cover gay politics, history, psychology, law and the professions as well as business people in a monthly format. After handing out address and telephone number slips, he asked for support and news leads. The first projected deadline: 1 January 1985.

A tentative calendar circulated by Key West's Fred Butner for Board meetings was discussed. Orlando was inserted in place of Daytona Beach in August 1985 without objection. The calendar, subject to review at each meeting, was approved.

19	Key West,	8-9 December	1984
2	Tallahassee	March	1985
17, 18	Miami	June	1985 Gay Pride Weekend
5, 11	Orlando	August	1985
6	Gainesville	October	1985 Annual meeting

There was discussion about travel costs and logistics for the Key West meeting. Consensus was to allow the executive committee to consider any special needs.

The new board approved \$200 for Ms. Goulard plus mailing costs to issue a report and minutes to the membership on the weekend's events. There was no dissent.

The Board of Directors new officers are:

Chairperson	John Grannan	Vice Chairperson	Staci Aker
Scribe	Ollie Lee Taylor	Treasurer	Robert Pope

Bob commended Michael, Tony, Staci & Monroe on their monthly pledges. These, fulfilled, mean \$200 monthly to the FIT.

Staci moved that Honorary Lifetime memberships be ceded to Pat Land, Roni Sanlo, Lynn Mattingly and John Grannan. Bob expressed some conflict over the definition of life members. A motion, thus made, to refer this matter to a special committee was made. It carried with Staci and Doug dissenting. Doug (2), Michael and Staci will serve on the committee.

The Board adjourned at 3:35 pm.

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